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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECTS: RECIFE, RIO GRANDE, SEPETIBA PORTS

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1. CONGEN RIO HAS CONSULTED COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DRAGAGEM (CBD) THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT COMPANY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL GOB DREDGING ACTIVITIES TO RECONFIRM INFORMATION RECEIVED IN 1975 (SEE BRASILIA 5630, JULY 9, 1975). CBD AGAIN INFORMED THAT ANY TIME CBD ASCERTAINS THAT ITS OWN AND/OR OTHER DOMESTIC DREDGING COMPANIES' CAPACITY IS INADEQUATE FOR THE CONDUCT OF SCHEDULED DREDGING OPERATIONS, CBD WILL INVITE BIDS FROM FOREIGN COMPANIES. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE SUCH INVITATIONS TO BID, C.F. BEAN CORP. AS WELL AS ANY OTHER INTERESTED AMERICAN DREDGING COMPANY, SHOULD CONTACT CBD DIRECTLY AND SUPPLY THE BRAZILIAN FIRM WITH A LIST OF AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT AND PAST PERFORMANCE RECORD. CORRESPONDENCE TO CBD SHOULD BE ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

COMPANHIA BRASILEIRA DE DRAGAGEM (CBD)
RUA DO DOM GERARDO, 35
20000 RIO DE JANEIRO, RJ - BRAZIL

FOR THE ATTENTION OF MR. MARCO ANTONIO DE PAIVA, TECHNICAL
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DIRECTOR, OR MR. MIROSLAW NOWICK, DIRECTOR FOR COMMERCIAL
RELATIONS.

2. CONCERNING THE THREE SUBJECT PORTS, MR. MIROSLAW NOWICK
INFORMED US THAT:

(1) IN RECIFE, YEAR-ROUND DREDGING ACTIVITIES ARE BEING

EXECUTED IN THE PORT AREA TO REMOVE SILT AND SAND DEPOSITED BY THE TWO MAJOR RIVERS (CAPIBERIBE AND BEBERIBE) THAT FLOW THROUGH RECIFE. THE DREDGING OF THE PORT OF RECIFE IS BEING EXECUTED ADEQUATELY BY CBD WITH OWN EQUIPMENT. (2) IN RIO GRANDE, CBD IS CURRENTLY DREDGING THE PORT AND ACCESS TO THE RIO GRANDE DOCKS. NO FOREIGN CONTRACTS ARE CONTEMPLATED FOR THIS PROJECT. (3) IN SEPETIBA, THE PORT IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION; WHATEVER DREDGING WORK MUST BE EXECUTED WILL BE EXECUTED BY CBD AND/OR CONTRACTED WITH OTHER BRAZILIAN-BASED DREDGING COMPANIES. CBD DOES NOT ENVISAGE ANY NEED FOR CONTRACTING FOREIGN-BASED FIRMS FOR SEPETIBA.

3. ONE MAJOR PROJECT WHICH, BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS PERMITTING, MAY EVENTUALLY RESULT IN INVITATIONS TO FOREIGN FIRMS, IS THE CONTEMPLATED CONSTRUCTION OF COMPLETELY NEW PORT FACILITIES SOUTH OF RECIFE IN THE STATE OF PERNAMBUCO. THIS PROJECT IS STILL IN THE VERY EARLY STAGES OF PLANNING AND CBD COULD NOT ESTIMATE WHEN IN THE FUTURE ACTUAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION WOULD BEGIN -- SINCE, FOR BUDGETARY REASONS, GOB HAS CONSIDERABLY RESHUFFLED ITS PUBLIC WORKS PRIORITIES. ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS AREA WILL BE REPORTED.
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